

TABLE 3.19: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATOR CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES, 2006

CAUSE	COMMERCIAL		NONCOMMERCIAL	
	N	%	N	%
Driving too fast for conditions	41	7.6%	1,914	14.3%
Failure to keep in proper lane/off road	69	12.8%	1,442	10.8%
Operating vehicle recklessly	1	0.2%	187	1.4%
Visibility obstructed	42	7.8%	342	2.6%
Excessive speed	1	0.2%	178	1.3%
Following too closely	41	7.6%	981	7.3%
Improper turn	38	7.0%	269	2.0%
Disregarded traffic signs, signals	9	1.7%	208	1.6%
Failure to yield	19	3.5%	1,638	12.3%
Inattention	116	21.4%	2,685	20.1%
Wrong side or wrong way	4	0.7%	65	0.5%
Fell asleep	4	0.7%	205	1.5%
Under influence of medication/drugs/alcohol	0	0.0%	322	2.4%
Operating defective equipment	11	2.0%	115	0.9%
Distraction caused by technology	1	0.2%	42	0.3%
Distracted	7	1.3%	246	1.8%
Swerving due to wind, slippery surface, etc	8	1.5%	255	1.9%
Other/Unknown	129	23.8%	2,259	16.9%
Total	541	100.0%	13,353	100.0%

The most frequent causes of crashes for noncommercial vehicles were driving too fast for conditions and inattention while for commercial vehicles the most frequent causes were failure to keep in proper lane/off road and inattention.

